

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 00177

Description: Vol. 1: ff. 71; Vol. 2: ff. 117 - Vol. 1 bound, s. XX ineunte, in quarter brown suede over marbled boards. Vol. 2 bound, s. XVII, in brown calf, gold tooled; remains of 2 fore edge ties; rebaked, original spine laid down; later marbled endpapers; a remboitage. - On the first leaf of most books a small section has been clipped out, possibly to remove some identifying marks, and replaced with matching paper on which the original text was recopied by tracing. An early Huntington Library report mentions the presence of the bookplate of Don José Colón de Cáceres on the first page of Vol. 2 (Book IV); it is no longer in the book. The back pastedown bears a pencilled bookseller's notation "AY 81." Purchased from Maggs by Henry E. Huntington, 25 February 1926. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). De Ricci, 61-62. P. Hulton and D. B. Quinn, The American Drawings of John White, 1577-1590 (London 1964) 1:31-32. D. B. Quinn, "New Geographical Horizons: Literature," in First Images of America, ed. F. Chiappelli (Berkeley 1976) 2:652 and 658. W. C. Sturtevant, "First Visual Images of Native America," in First Images of America, 1:447-48, with reproduction of HM 177, vol. 1, ff. 4 and 9 in 1:425-26.

Notes: -A section of Vol. 2 of HM 00177 was separated in 1975 and now constitutes HM 37542.

Acknowledgments: - We are indebted to Virginia Rust who wrote the full description of this manuscript for the Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts; the present short description derives from her work.

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Language: Spanish *Country:* Santo Domingo *Century:* 16th

Part 1: Vol. 1, ff. 1-71v

Description: - Paper - 2 types of Main, similar to Briquet 10718 and 11244 - 210 x 290 mm - Vol. 1: 1-⁵2 6¹²(-12); vol. 2: 1¹² 2¹²(-11, 12) 3¹² 4²²(-22) 5⁴ 6-7¹² 8¹²(plus bifolium between 1 and 2) 9¹⁰; the lower margins of the last 8 leaves are completely cut away, and the leaves of quires 4 and 5, some now attached to stubs, have been separated and rearranged, as detailed in the signature description below. Catchwords enclosed in brown ink scrolls in the middle or right lower margins. Leaf signatures in roman numerals in the middle of the lower margin; quire and leaf signatures in a later hand in letters (vol. 1: n-s; vol. 2: a-b, A-B, a, a, not visible on quires 7-9) and arabic numerals, frequently including the seventh leaf of a quire, in the right lower margin close under the text. 32-38 long lines; vertical bounding lines ruled in dry point.

Country: Santo Domingo

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Scribe(s): Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo y Valdés

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Figurative Decoration: Illustrated with 24 pen and ink drawings by the author, a few shaded in black lead.

Notes: Written and decorated in the hand of the author, Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo y Valdés. The book was written probably in Santo Domingo between 1539-46 and completed in Spain in 1546-48: the dates given in the text are March 1539, in Book IV, chap. 7 and 1548 in the prologue of Book VI. Marginal notes in 3 hands: i, the author's corrections, additions and directions to the printer; ii, note on f. 49 of vol. 1 made after 1580; iii, pencilled notes in English in vol. 2 with the book numbers, probably made by a bookseller. The modern foliation in vol. 2 runs 11-117 since ff. 1-10, formerly bound with this volume, were removed in 1975 and catalogued as HM 37542. Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: Vol. 1, ff. 1-71v; Vol. 2, ff. 11-117; 117v blank

Author: Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo y Valdés

Title: Historia general y natural de las Indias

Language(s): Spanish

Notes: In vol. 1, Book VI: Este es el libro que Capitan Gonzalo Fernandez Fiço de la Natural y General Hystoria de las Indias. . .[f. 1, Prologue:] Poco tiene que hazer. . .[f. 2v, Text:] Capitulo primero del libro. . .Bivian los Indios del esta ysle de hayti. . .no deve ser sin misterio y secreto de la natura el qual yo no alcanço. Fin del presente libro. In vol. 2, Books IV, VII, IX, XI, XXXII, and XXXVII: Libro de la natural y general Hystoria de las Indias. . .[f. 11, Prologue:] Pues que es ya tiempo se de conclusion A las cosas de la governacion. . .[f. 11v, Text:] Capitulo primero. . .Dixosse en el libro procedente. . .Y esto baste quanto a este breve libro del numero xxxvi hasta que el tiempo nos avise de otras cosas que en el se acresçienten. J. Amador de los Ríos, ed., Historia general y natural de las Indias de Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo y Valdés (Madrid 1851; repr. J. Pérez de Tudela Bueso, Madrid 1959).